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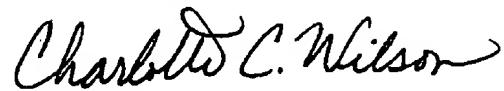
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REMARKS

Having cancelled Claims 5 and 6 and amended Claim 7, Applicant now believes Claims 7 and 8 to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowability, and the prompt passage of the pending claims to issuance.

Respectfully requested,

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